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HADDOCK WAY UP IN PRICE.

Other T Wharf Commodities Also Soar High.

Receipts of fish at Boston today are very light, only some seven or eight vessels have arrived since last report and prices are soaring on haddock, which appear to be the leading commodity in the line of fish which is quoted at six cents. Cod likewise is firm in quotation and stock is light also.

The last of the week usually sees a light market as captains prefer staying out until the first of the next, when a good demand is always in order.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary Silveira, 5000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 500 cod, 9000 pollock.
Sch. Marguerite S. McKenzie, 5000 cod, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 15,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 10,000 cusk, 500 halibut.
Sch. Etta B., 1500 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Leo, 8000 haddock, 2700 cod, 3000 hake.
Haddock \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake \$2; pollock, \$1.50 to \$2.

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WANTS STATE TO PAY SHARE.

Mayor Objects to Boston Furnishing Water and Sewers to New Dock.

That the city of Boston will be in no haste to extend the water pipes and sewers to the Commonwealth docks, South Boston, where the T wharf fishing interests will be located in two years, is the declaration of Mayor Fitzgerald, who has received a letter from Atty. A. C. Burnham, urging speedy action on behalf of the business. The mayor believes that the state, which owns the land which must be traversed by the pipes should bear its share of the burden of installation, and the proposition will be placed before the harbor and land commission.

Atty. Blodgett informs the mayor that the organization of the new corporation is completed, and that the fishing interests understand that the state will extend Northern avenue and D street and construct the roadway to the middle of the pier, and that the city will put in the necessary pipes.

Burnham hopes that the matter can be satisfactorily arranged in a few days, but it looks as if weeks will elapse before all arrangements are completed on the part of the city.

There are two propositions presented by Superintendent of Streets Rourke as to the sewer pipes. The estimated cost for the high-level sewer is \$32,890, and for the low-level sewer it is \$160,000, and Rourke says that the low sewer will undoubtedly be necessary some time in the future. The cost for extending the water mains is estimated at \$8500.

It is the opinion of Acting Superintendent of Bridges Dorr that the city should not incur the expense of sewer building for the benefit of the state or its lessees, "particularly as nothing can be recovered by assessment." He says the city has made the attempt before, and the state has returned the bills.

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Former American Fisherman Seized.

Sch. Miantonomah, a former Newburyport and Maine fishing vessel, has been seized at Glace Bay, C. B., for smuggling, and Capt. Dick and his crew were lodged in jail. When seized, the Miantonomah had a large quantity of liquor on board, which was brought from St. Pierre, besides several hundred dollars worth which had been landed at Louisburg and other places.

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SCARCITY OF FISH PREDICTED.

Present Receipts Barely Supply Current Demands.

It is now apparent to the big salt fish dealers, that stock of cod and all other ground fish will be unusually light, for the dory handliners which comprise most of the salt bank fleet have met with poor success.

During the last few days several dory handliners arrived and their light fares made dealers somewhat aggressive for the board of trade prices were discarded and a new schedule substituted which was much higher than published quotations.

Large cod ex vessel reached \$3.75 per cwt., and small \$3.37½. This is much higher than at this time last year, when heavy trips were arriving about every day. But dealers and shippers now realize that the season has so far advanced that this will be classed as one of the lean years in the cod-fishery and are now formulating plans to replenish their depleted stock, as healthy shipments have been made in cut and whole fish the past two months or more, while not enough have come forward to replace the outgoing.

In fact receipts of cod and other ground fish now on hand are at a low level, and as the big dealers whose trade in fish food products extend from Maine to Oregon realize the situation, they have become aggressive and will endeavor to furnish the trade with all it demands, no matter from what source they will go to procure it. The time is drawing close when large orders will be coming forward for heavy supplies, and if the empty warehouses are not refilled in time to meet this advance, it will place them in an unenviable position with the great distributing and consuming centres of the country.

Since the various attractive ways for putting up fish have come in vogue, Gloucester dealers who run the largest salt fish establishments in the country have always been equal to the demand made upon them, and dealers all over the continent have been well satisfied with the result.

In view of present conditions and future outlook, it seems reasonable to assume that cod and other ground fish will be advanced over present quotations and even surpass the highest prices seen in many years if ever before. Unless something unforeseen transpires and in order to supply needed wants of the country, dealers here will turn their attention to importation of sufficient stock with which to do it.

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HAD NO FISH.

Two More Seiners Arrived Here Last Evening.

The mackerel season is fast drawing to a close on this shore. Two more seiners arrived here last evening schs. Rhodora and Georgia, neither of whom has any fish.

Sch. Kineo at Portland With 25,000 Lbs. Halibut.

Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, one of the early halibut fishermen and now master of sch. Kineo, is "still on the job," so far as catching halibut is concerned, for he arrived at Portland yesterday with a good fare of 25,000 pounds.

Capt. Greenleaf is making quite a record this season, for his last trip was a good one, made in three weeks, and now he has been out but 18 days. Since starting he has had good luck in making trips, and very successful ones.

Has Cargo of Cured Fish.

Sch. Lillian, Capt. Norwood, put into Portland on Friday on the passage from Matineus for this port with a cargo of cured fish. The craft was previously in Portland harbor on June 10 and is now on her fifth trip since that time, bringing fish to this port and returning with salt.

Portland Fishing News.

Sch. Florence and Mildred arrived Thursday with 106 barrels of bluebacks which were sold to the Portland Cold Storage Company.

Sch. Marion E. Turner, which has been hauled up for some time, is being fitted for swordfishing.

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NO ARRIVALS AT BOSTON.

T Wharf Bare of Fish Re- ceipts This Morning.

Not a fishing arrival is reported at Boston today, something almost unprecedented of recent years at T wharf.

But few vessels were expected as the large fleet which have been in the past week are out and will not be the past week are out and will not be doubtless meet a strong market.

SWORDFISH AND MACKEREL.

Have Made Profitable Season for Sch. Bernie and Bessie.

Even if some of the other members of the fishing fleet from Portland have not proved very successful in the pursuit of mackerel and swordfish, the sch. Bernie and Bessie, which returned there on Wednesday, has no need to feel ashamed of her work. Under the command of Capt. Frank P. McIntyre, \$2200 have been stocked since the craft sailed away early in April and each member of the crew shared about \$200.

Capt. McIntyre is not the high-liner either with the mackerel or the swordfish, but he did win the distinction of being the first netter to land mackerel in New York harbor and for the fish he received 50 cents apiece, which was about 25 cents a pound if they had been bought by weight.

"While the mackerel season has not been a big one," he said, "there has been very little to complain of. There have been no tinkers, to be sure, out the large mackerel have been fairly numerous and good fares have been landed by the most of the fleet."

Wednesday, Capt. McIntyre landed a fare of 42 swordfish in Boston harbor and these helped to swell the total stock of the trip. "But if we could have had the luck of Capt. George Peoples in the Lafayette," he said. "On June 29 we sailed out of Boston together for Georges. We kept together with the rest of the fleet and after nine days, we had both caught seven swordfish. Then fog settled down, the fleet became scattered and I saw no more of the Lafayette until last week, when I spoke Capt. Peoples. He had just landed a fare of over 100 swordfish in Boston, the largest amount brought into port by one vessel in the history of fishing. It seems that after he left the rest of the fleet on that foggy day, he struck a place where the fish were thick and in one day 40 were brought on board. He told me he could have landed more, but he didn't have men enough to handle all that were to be seen. On this one trip alone, Capt. Peoples stocked over \$2860, for he received 17 cents a pound for the fish and thus he established a record. Since starting out in April, with both mackerel and swordfish, the Lafayette has stocked over \$8000 and the men have shared \$600 each.

"Forty swordfish a day is certainly a remarkable catch. When I left the fleet they were catching from one to six a day. If a boat gets as high as 10 in a day it is thought to be good work. Some of the vessels this year have not even had 10 fish when they have returned to port."

Capt. McIntyre agreed with other captains in regard to the scarcity of swordfish. "We have been accustomed to look for them on the southwest end of Georges every year," he explained, "but this year they struck to the eastward and we missed the greater part of them. However, the swordfish season will last until the middle of September, and there will be many of the large fish caught yet."

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Good Dory Handline Trip.

Sch. Meteor, from a salt dory handline trip, had a good fare of 157,000 pounds which realized a stock of \$55.00. The high-line of the crew made a good share of \$141.

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ONE SHACKER ONLY ARRIVAL.

Except Two Small Seiners
With Bluebacks.

The outlook for fish receipts at this port early this morning appeared slim, the only receipts being two arrivals with blueback herring, all the other vessels arriving since last report being empty. Later in the forenoon, however, sch. Conqueror, one of the shack fishermen, arrived from Quero Bank, with a fare of 150,000 lbs. of salt cod and 1500 lbs. of fresh halibut.

A number of dory handliners are still out upon their first trip and their non-arrival shortens the season for making a second trip, but next week may see them home, which will change the situation.

Two of the little shore seiners, steamer Herbert and Emma, with 40 barrels of blueback herring and No Name with 80 barrels, which sold for bait at \$2.50 per barrel.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Rhodora, seining.
Sch. Georgia, seining.
Sch. Galatea, via Boston.
Steamer Herbert and Emma, 40 bbls. bluebacks.
Steamer No Name, 80 bbls. bluebacks.
Sch. Conqueror, Quero Bank, 150,000 lbs. salt cod, 1500 lbs. halibut.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Grace Darling, drifting.
Sch. James and Esther, drifting.
Sch. Galatea, drifting.
Sch. Dauntless, dory handlining.

Today's Fish Market.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Round pollock, 70c per cwt.
Outside sales, trawl bank cod, \$3.35 per qtl. for large and \$3 for medium.
Outside sales dory handline bank cod, \$3.65 per qtl. for large and \$3.37½ for medium.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2.25 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.80; Eastern cod, large, \$1.75; medium cod, \$1.60; cusk \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, \$1; hake, \$1; pollock, round, 65c; dressed, 70c.

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Lunenburg, N. S., Fishing Fleet.

During the past two or three weeks great numbers of the Lunenburg vessels have come to Cape Broyle, N. E. and other points on the southern shore in quest of ice, bait and supplies. As a result of the big demand, practically the entire ice supply on that shore has been absorbed by them and many of the fishermen have done very well from baiting them with caplin. They report good fishing on the banks and favorable weather and after securing another baiting of squid during August they will make for home early in September and expect to have a record year.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Massachusetts and Topsail Girl, arrived at Liverpool, N. S., for bait and ice on Friday and cleared for fishing.

Schs. Mildred D. Robinson and Mary F. Curtis arrived at Canso on Friday and cleared.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport arrived at Louisburg, C. B., Friday and cleared for the fishing ground.

PRICES FIRM AT T WHARF.

Although Fish Are in Liberal
Receipts.

While the receipts of fish at Boston today are fairly liberal, yet the market is firm in quotation on haddock and cod, Swordfish has reached the highest price this season. Although there are several vessels there today, with the exception of sch. A. W. Black, which has 110, all are small, but the price of this commodity is quoted from 19 1-2 to 20 cents per pound.

Steamer Spray, which has been making such a great record the last three or four months, is again in today with a big fare of haddock and cod, after being out but four days.

The number of vessels in there today is about what was predicted for Monday, and indications point to a good supply during the week.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Francis D. Silva, 15 swordfish.
Sch. Actor, 10 swordfish.
Sch. J. W. Black, 110 swordfish.
Sch. Emily Sears, 53 swordfish.
Sch. Reliance, 24 swordfish.
Sch. Nellie Dixon, 39 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Richard Nunan, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod, 70,000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Juniata, 3000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.
Steamer Spray, 57,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 35,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Diana, 8000 pollock.
Haddock, \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$1.60 to \$3; pollock, \$2.50 to \$3; cusk, \$2; swordfish, 19 1-2 and 20 cts. per lb.

NEWS FROM THE FLITCHES.

Prospects Reported Good for a Successful Season.

William Madsen, one of the crew of sch. Grayling, which vessel is on a flitching trip up north, arrived home Saturday last.

Madsen was landed at Battle Harbor, Labrador, June 22, with blood poisoning of the hand, and there went to the general hospital for treatment, when he left the vessel she had between 50,000 and 60,000 pounds of flitchers, fish were fairly plenty, the weather was fine and they had seen no ice, although they had been north to latitude 57.47.

Mr. Madsen said they saw the other vessels of the flitching fleet and reports sch. Essex with 60,000 pounds, sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon which had been on the ground only a few days with 15,000 pounds, sch. Oregon, 20,000 pounds and he did not know what sch. Ramona had.

From Battle Harbor he was sent to St. John's on steamer by the United States consul and at that city he saw Mrs. James Hayes, whose husband, Capt. Hayes, is master of sch. Admiral Dewey, and was landed at St. Anthony, from which place he was sent to St. John's and placed in the hospital. Mrs. Hayes informed him her husband was quite sick with pneumonia. He only talked with her a few minutes for he had to take the steamer Florizel for Halifax.

Mr. Madsen thinks the vessels will secure good trips, as indications when he left pointed that way. He considered the absence of ice up north remarkable so early in the season, and which is most favorable for the flitchers.

Good Trip.

Sch. Kineo, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, which landed her fare of halibut at Portland, brought her salt and fresh fish here, made a fine stock of \$2941. This is a remarkably good trip for being absent but 18 days, and for which the crew shared \$85 each.

Capt. Nat. is certainly making a fine record this season.

LOBSTERS AS TRAVELLERS.

Experiments Show That They Will Go Far From Their Freeing Place.

The officials of the fish commission being desirous of learning certain facts as to the habits of lobsters—whether or not they migrate from their homes, how often they shed their shells, etc.—once experimented at the fish hatchery at Woods Hole, Mass. Tags were fastened to 400 which were then set free. Notices were afterward sent out to lobstermen to watch for the tags and to return tagged lobsters to the station with notes as to their capture. Three years later many of the lobsters had been heard from. Enough was learned, however, to indicate that the lobster, slow as may be his movements on land, finds himself able to travel pretty much whither he listeth in the water. One of them was sent back by a lobsterman who found it in his pot on the shore of Long Island, about 100 miles from the point where it was liberated. Many others were caught in the vicinity of Block Island, a considerable distance from Woods Hole. Within 15 days from the time the lobsters were put into the ocean one was taken fifteen miles west of Woods Hole. The longest distance attained by any of the wanderers was that of one caught off the New Jersey coast, 200 miles from home.—Kennebec Journal.

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Possibly few people are aware that at one time Massachusetts enjoyed a close season on codfish, mackerel, hake, haddock and pollock. But such is a fact, and for all we know, the law may never have been repealed but remains a dead letter one upon the statute books. A few years ago, a close season was operated on mackerel. Probably if the close season on codfish had been pursued there would not be such a scarcity of them as at present on Georges banks.

The law above referred to was passed by the Massachusetts colonial government, August 29, 1668, and reads as follows:

"The general court orders that no man shall henceforth kill any codfish, hake, haddock, or pollock to be dried for sale in the months of December and January, because of their spawning time; or any mackerel to barrel up in the months of May or June, under penalty of paying five shillings for each quintal of fish, and five shillings for each barrel of mackerel; nor shall any fisherman cast the herbage of the fish they catch overboard, at nor near the ledge or grounds where they take the fish, nor shall any of the boats' crew refuse or neglect the orders of the master of the vessel to which they belong, for the times and season of fishing, nor shall they take or drink any more strong liquors than the master thinks meet to permit them."

There is no need of law relating to the disposition of the "herbage," at the present time as it is too valuable to think of throwing away, but the last provision of the act is a wise one and would not be out of place at the present day.